Randolph Stuart to be Tried This Week.

SLAYER OF MISS BOLLING

A Venire of Thirty Summoned From Section of County Far From Seene of Murder.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) TRUITT, VA., December 31.-On the third day of January, Charles Randolph Stewart, the Sussex county man, who has been locked up in the Petersburg jall for nearly four months, charged with the murder and burning of Miss Annie Bland Bolling, near here on the 21st day of last Jane, will be put on trial for his life, in the Circuit Court of Sussex county, before Judge J. F. West. Sussex County Court-house, where the trial will be had, is eight miles distant from the railway, the near-

miles distant from the railway, the nearmit accessible point from this city being
Stony Creek station, on the Atlante Coast
Line, which is eight miles away.
It is not antidpated that sorious difficuity will be encountered in securing a
jury in the county, but the counsel for
the prisoner may ask a change of venue.
A venire of thirty has been summoned,
and it is believed that a jury can be secured in the other end of the county from
that which the alleged orime occurred.
This entire portion of the State was
wrought to a high pitch or excitement
over the dreadful murder of this helpless
young woman, and when Stewart was
arrested and taken to Jarratt for a prelimindry trial, people from far and near
attended the trial, which consumed nearly
two entire days.
On the 26th day of last June, Sunday
morning, Mr. Spencer Crushaw, upon get-

On the 26th day of last June, Sunday morning, Mr. Spencer Crashaw, upon gelting up and going out to attend to the feeding of his stock, saw a lot of buzzards flying around near his pince, and upon going to see what they were after, found the dead body or a young woman, with every particle of fiesh eaten by dogs and buzzards, and burned from the bones.

Mr. Crashaw immediately notified the neighbors and went for the officers who came and summoned a jury of six men, who after hearing the testimony of twenty or more witnesses, decided that the woman "who was positively identified as being the Bolling girl," came to her death at the hands of some person or persons, unknown to the jury.

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This girl was a first cousin of Charles R. Stewart, and had lived at his house as one of his family for about three years before her death, and it is strange, but true, that only one or two of Stewart's nearest neighbors knew of this girl.

She had never been off the place since she first went there to live, and Mr. Stewart testified before the coroner's jury that he kept her ducked up in her room at night.

He also stated other things about the girl which other members of his immediate family denied before the coroner's jury. This girl was intesting from Mr. Stewart's home on' Tuesday, June List and was not found until the following Sunday, June 26th, and during that time he mide no effort to find her, or would he get any of the neighbors to help him find her. It was proyen at the preliminary examination that oil of some kind was on the scraps of clothing found near the body of the dead woman.

These scraps of clothing found near the body after death, in order to burn it to hide the crime. It is not known yut what Stewart's line of defense will be as at former trial before the two justice at Jarratt, he did not produce a single witness in his behalf, but it is thought now that his lawyers will attempt to prove an alibi.

Mr. Stewart, at the coroner's inquest.

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Mr. Stewart, at the coroner's inquest, claimed he left home on that Tuesnay the girl was missing, at a little after 12 o'clock, to go to one of his neighbors to see him on some business, before he went to work, the distance to be traveled not being over one and one-half inlies, but the memberstof the neighbor's family said Mr. Stewart trivied there at exactly halfpast 2 o'clock and left at 3 o'clock.

Mrs. Nannio Chappell, sister of the accused, and a splendid woman, is one of the main witnesses for the prosecution, also Mrs. Amme E. Bolling, of Darville, Dinwiddle county, mother of the deal girl. The Commonwealth has in all about twenty-five witnesses, while it is not known how many will appear for the defendant. This trial which has been postponed twee before for various real known how many will appear for the defendant. This trial which has been postponed twice before for various reasons, will be a very interesting one, and will be largely attended.

Mr. R. H. Mann, of Petersburg, and Mr.

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Mr. R. H. Mann. of Petersburg, and Mr. J. E. Person, of Jarratt, will appear in behalf of the accused, while Mr. E. P. Buford, of Lawrenceville, V.a., will all in the prosecution, and every inch of in the prosecution, and every inch of ground taken by either side will be strong-

ground taken by either side will be strongly contested by the other.

This is one of the few cases where the
accused is believed to be guilty by every
one, and even by some of his familty, but
all want to see him have a fair and impartial trial, and if it is proven beyond
a doubt that he is innocent, those supposed to be his enemies will be glad to
see him vindicated of this terrible charge
now standing against him.

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Messrs, Mann and Person, with the county surgeon of Dinwiddle, was up at the scene of the homicido, several days ago, and made a survey of the route supposed to have been taken by Stuart in going and returning from Mr. Gryfs, the nighbor above mentioned, on the Tuesday the gifl disappeared. The proceedings of this trial will be sent direct from the courthouse at the close of each day to The Times-Dispatch.

RADFORD, VA.

Mrs. J. S. Davies, the mother of Mrs. Agriew
R. W. Pentross, of Norfolk, spent a few days with his father, Major R. O. Peatross, for Richmond, spent a few days with his friends here. Archie Peatross, for Richmond, are visited his father, Major R. O. Peatross as few days with his father, Major R. O. Peatross, for Richmond, are visited his father, Major R. O. Peatross, for Richmond, are visited his father, Major R. O. Peatross, for Richmond, are visited his father, Rajor R. O. Peatross, for Richmond, are visited his father, Rajor R. O. Peatross, for Richmond, are visited his father, Major R. O. Peatross, for Richmond, are visited his father, Major R. O. Peatross, for Richmond, are visited his father, Major R. O. Peatross, for Richmond, are visited his father, Major R. O. Peatross, for Richmond, are visited his father, Major R. O. Peatross, for Richmond, are visited his father, Major R. O. Peatross, are visited his father, Major R. O. Peatross, for Richmond, are visited his father, Major R. O. Peatross, for Richmond, are visited his father, Major R. O. Peatross, for Richmond, are visited his father, Major R. O. Peatross, for Richmond, are visited his father, Major R. O. Peatross, for Richmond, are visited his father, Major R. O. Peatross, for Richmond, are visited his father, Major R. O. Peatross, for Richmond, are visited his father, Major R. O. Peatross, for Richmond, are visited his father, Major R. O. Peatross, for Richmond, are visited his father, Major R. O. Peatross, for Richmond

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

BADFORD, VA., Dec. 31.—Mrs. Muciona-bau langles gave a delightful dinner party
Monday at her home near Radford. She
was assisted in entertaining by her
daughters, Misses Lonia and Mackle, and

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Wishing one and all the compliments of the season, I am,

Yours very truly,

FRANK MILLER.

six absent friends," and upon their arrival, each drew a slip of paper bearing one of the following names: Dr. and Mrs. Allen J. Block, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. B. Kimball, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Mitchell. They were then told they must impersonate the persons whose names they drew, while at dinner. A forfeit was attached to every-slip which might be made in the matter of names, personality, etc., and much morriment onsued. The dinner was a dolightful five course affails. The table was decorated in crimson carnations and holly. After dinner came music by the Cassell family and Miss Venable, and a very symusing contest, in which animals were moulded from chewing sum, after the said gum had been chewed by its owner. This also provoked much merriment, and the shadows fell before the glusts bld adlet to Cassellon. Mrs. Brewster Ingles gave a large and very onjoyable party at her home near randrord Tuesday evening, and Mr. Jim Micon entertalped Wednesday evening, a happly party, tripping the light funities in the mother party, tripping the light funities in the party of the principle of the glusts belong the principle of the glusts bid and the characteristic principle of the glust principle of the glust principle of the glusts bid and the standard principle of the glust principle of the glust principle of the glust principle of the glust principle of the glusts bid and the characteristic principle of the glust principle of the BIG AS A CONDOR

until after midnight, at his country home.

Mr. and Mrs. Percy Harris, Misses Mary and Sallie Harris are spending the Christmus holidays at home.

Messrs. Ed. and Hal Tyler, Stockton Heth, Jr., and Capt. Clem Heth are hunting in Pulaski county this week.

Messrs. Will and Frank Longley spent Christmas Day with their parents, Judge and Mrs. Seldon Longley.

Mr. Logan Martin, of West Point, spent Monday and Tuesday with friends in town.

Mr. R. L. Jordan, a prominent attorney of Radford, is spending the week in Richmond.

Mrs. Johnson, of Princeton, West Virginia, is visiting nor daughter, Mrs. J.

BOWLING GREEN, VA.

Hotel. Boyd and wife and little son are

W. C. Boyd and spending the holidays at the home of the property of the proper

Delightful Luncheon

A Magnificent Specimen of Un-

CAPTURED

The Noble Bird Is Little Injured and Eats a Rabbit With

(Special to The Times-Dispatch, OLGA, VA., Dec. 31.-On the day before yesterday, as Mr. C. A. Holman and Frank Jackson were setting out for a quall hunt, very soon after leaving home they discerned an immense bird perchec ipon a large oak, strange to them. Con

Monday and Tuckettown.
Cadet Ned Cassell is visiting Maj. David Cloyd in Pulaski this week.
Cadet Bruce Thisley is visiting friends in Charlottesville and Danville.
Mr. Duval Cravens, a former instructor of St. Albans, but now of Mooney School, Tonn, speut several days this week with telends in town. in the guns took place, and measures agreed upon to get a shot at the bird. The younger man took a detour aroun and the other man approached, with the hoped for result that the bird would, fis Tenni, spent several days this week with friends in town.

Miss Dessie Bullard entertained the R. G. G. Chib Monday afternoon.

Mr. Harry Fomplin broke his wrist by failing from a stop-inder which he had mounted to light the candies at a Christmas entertainment Tucsday evening. All of the bones in the wrist were crushed and the injury is very painful.

Mr. U. Frank Cassell is in Louisville on business. around. The outcome was in accordance with the hope, and Mr. Jackson got in two wing shots, the first one stuggering, the second one bringing to the ground the immense bird.

Unknown Species.

Your correspondent, who has seen most of the specimens of stuffed, taxelerinitized and live birds in the ornithological exhibits of the United States, saw the bird an hour or two after, and probodices this the largest and finest he had ever seen, approaching in size, but oxcelling in beauty, the condor of the Andes.

It is of the ongle family but rentify Mrs. Johnson, of Princeton, West Virginia, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. J. Frank Cassell.

Mr. Walter Edward Harris, of Washington, was the guest of former Gov. and Mrs. Tylor one night this week.

Miss Annie Caldwell, who is teaching art at Gombia Ohio, is spending the helidays at home.

Mr. Ed. Stevens, of Portsmouth, Ohio, and Mr. Arthur Stevens, a student at V. M. L., are spending the helidays with their mother, Mrs. A. D. Stevens, who returned from a long visit to her son at Portsmouth last week.

beauty, the condor of the Andes.

It is of the ongle family/but greatly larger than the bald or golden engle, of which the books thiefly speak. We all got out our encyclopaedias and natural histories and tried to locate and nominate the strange bird, but not one of all the authorities fitted to the plumage of this

Eats Rabbit Fiercely.

Up to this writing the bird is still alive, looks fierce, ate a rabbit on yesterday, and seems to be not much hurt. All of injury in sight is the broken tip, of one wing. What a pity that this noble and beautiful bird is not in some of our large zoos. There is nothing like it that I have seen in New York or Chicago, Whence he came and whither he was bound is a mystery. He could easily have taken a mystery. He could easily have taken

The Wednesday Club.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

BOWLING GREEN, VA., Dec. 31.—Mrs.
Davis, of Churchview, Va., is on a visit
to her sister, Mrs. J. C. Sale, of near
Bowling Green, Va.

John Brooke, who has been living in
Colorado for a number of years, is here
on a visit to his mother.

C. C. Emis and wife, of Washington,
spent the Christmas holidays with Mrs. The Wednesday Club will resume reguspent the Christmas holidays with Mrs.
Jos. E. Ennis, his mother.

Miss Freda Quaries, of Ashland, is
spending some time visiting friends hono.

Prof. A. B. Chandlor and wife, of Richmond, Va., are visiting his parents here.

Charles T. Jessee and wife, spent
Christmas at the home of Charles L.

Collins, the father of Mrs. Jessee.

L. M. Robinson, who is engaged in
the wood business in Mecklenburg county,
is spending a week with his family at the xoung Men's Christian Association Hall. All members are expected to be in their places, and all the singers of the city are cordially invited. The rehearsal of Haydn's "The Iseasons" will soon be completed, and the club will onter upon rehearsals for the miscellaneous programme which is to be of a most attractive character.

acter.

Mr. George W. Stewart, manager of the Boston Festiyal Orchestra, will be in Elichmond next week to meet the board of governors, when programmes and artists for the next festival will be decided upon. Mr. Stewart writes that he expects to have an attractive scheme to offer.

er. Mercer has completed arrangements of put the children's chorus into active chearsal in the course of a week. A comprohensive prospectus of all the pro-rantmes and artists will soon be issued.

Hurley-Lavender.

Miss Mary Lavender of Lynchburg, Va., and Mr. William II. Hurley, of No. 2203 Fairmount Avenue, were married Tuesday night at 8 o'clock in the parlors of the Rev. Father McKeefrey, of St. Patrick's Church. The bride is a resident of Lynchburg, but is quite well known in Fairmount, where she has frequently visited friends, Mr. Hurley has just returned from Bluefield, W. Va., where he has been employed for the last year.

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The newly wedded pair will make their home for the present with the parents of the groom, on the avenue. The bride was becomingly attired in a traveling sait of steel gray cloth, with hat and gloves to match, and carried bride's roces. Mr. Edward, Hay was best man.

After the ceremony the bridal party repaired to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hurley, where an elegant reception was given. Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. Gary, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hurley, Mr. and Mrs. Minson, Misses Mobel Pollard, Edith Williams, Mamie Hurley, Hope Kidd, Mamie Kuin, Miss. Milos, Messrs. Ross Verlander, Samuel Flourney, Fred Williams, of St. Louis Lounie Miles, of Montreal, Canada, and many others. Delightful Luncheon.

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RADFORD, VA., Dec. 31.—Mrs. Muclonahaudingles gave a delightful dinner party
Menday at her home near Radford. She
was assisted in entertaining by her
daughters, Misses Lonia and Mackie, and
the following guests were present: Mrand Mrs. Andrew Ingles, Capt, and Mrs.
William Ingles, Mr. and Mrs. Ellight
langles, Mr. and Mrs. Illight
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langles, Mr. and Mrs. James Mcou.

Judge and Mrs. James Mcou.

Judge and Mrs. George F. Crossell entertained Wednesday in honor of Mrs.
Mack Ingles, the other guests being Mrs.
William ingles, Mrs. of T. Kearley, Mrs.
William ingles, Mrs.
Wil

FORTUNE FAVORED THIS GREAT BANK

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world of the South.

This prosperous and progressive bank was founded in 1870. The most influential spirit in the foundation work was ential spirit in the foundation work was Thomas Branch, its first president Fortune favored this new venture from the start, and in master hands of finance it pussed through several critical periods of our commercial history, only to find itself more securely entrenched in the confidence of the banking public, until to-day; development denominates it the strongest national bank in the State, its total resources being somowhat in excess of \$5,000,000. Not only is this true, but the total resources show an increase in excess of \$1,000,000 during the past year. Deposits, likewise show an increase of excess of \$1,100,000 during the past year. Deposits likewise show an increase of \$1,000,000, and that too, in spite of the fact that the United States government has withdrawn \$33,000 of its deposits during the period covering the increase. The withdrawal by the government was on account of its expenditure in the interest of the Panama Canal. This is a remarkable exhibit, and speaks volumes in praise of the able financiers who so administered the drairs of the Merchants. National Bank with that conservation, progressiveness and liberality as to make such results possible.

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The men who are directly responsible for the achievements and eminence attailed by the Merchants National Bank are John P/ Branch, president, son of Mr. Thomas Branch, the founder, John Keir Branch, vice-president, son of Mr. Thomas Branch, the founder, John Keir Branch, vice-president, son of Mr. Thomas Branch, vice-president, son of Mr. Thomas Branch, the founder, John Keir Branch, vice-president, son of Mr. Thomas Branch, propertions that it was deemed advisable to appoint three assistant cashiers, as follows, Mr. J. R. Perdya, Mr. Thomas B. Moadams, and Mr. Goarge H. Keesee, its directional more of the mort of of the ropute as men of means is more than State wide. It is such financiers who act as coustodians of the financiers who act as co business vis 'solidited' and the promise made to 'Motona and the sourcesses usually granted by progressive 'Sanking houses. A general banking business is transacistic such as deposits subject to check, negotiating loans believouting business paper,' and commercial collections. It has especial facilities for handling southern business. These are unexcelled, and enable this bank to offer exceptional advantages to customers. In fact, the Metchants National has for a long time been perfecting arrangements to supperfitted and otherwise facilitate, out-of-town business, and to-day its management

been perfecting arrangements to experite the many of the ment of the services for making collections with a full conviction that it can give the best service at a minimum cost. It is the largest depository for banks between Baltimore and New Orionns, and is also city. State and United States depository. It also has a substantial and capacions burgiar-proof vault, fitted with safety deposit boxes.

The savings department was established January 1, 1904, by Mr. Thomas B. McAdems, one of the recompt appointed assistant cashlors. So popular has it become with the public that the management has determined to enlarge its scope and usefulnoss. With this in view, very elaborate quarters have been fitted up in the bank building for the exclusive use of, the savings department. This branch will be placed under the amendate control of Mr. R. T. Minor, Jr., the present second teller, who will take charge on the 1st of February, One feature of the savings bank that aids

Monroe—Lightner. the present second teller, who will that charge on the 1st of February. One feature of the savings bank that adds to its popularity is the three per cent, interest 'allowed, all balances being withdrawable on demand. The total deposits in this department are daily showposits in this department are dully showing a remarkable increase, evidencing,
the fact that there is room for a good
savings bank of undoubted strength, and
this room it is proposed to fully occupy,
One of the prime essentials to successful savings banks is security. It is right
and proper that such an institution
should be sateguarded in eprcy way
possible, and before any one opens an
ecculum every phase and feature of its possible, and before any one opens an account every phase and feature of its management should be carefully looked into and its solidity investigated, and the savings department of the Merchants National Bank courts the closest scrutiny, firm in the faith that it is one of the best and strongest of its class in the closest security with the courts and strongest of its class in the courts section, and no expanse will of the best and strongest of its class in this entire section, and no expense will be spared to make this one of the safest and most progressive savings institutions in the South.

The Merchants National Bank owns its

in the South.

The Merchants National Bank owns its home building at the corner of Eleventh and Main Streets, this city. It is a substantial, four-story structure of brick, and has recently undergone considerable improvement, and its interior remodeled and elaborately furnished at an expenditure of \$20,000.

The president, Mr. John P. Branch, is senior member of the firm of Thomas Branch & Son, bankers and brokers, Mr. Branch enjoys a national reputation, not only as an able financier, but withat, one of the country's best informed men upon financial questions. He was also one of the original founders of the bank, and has contributed most largely to its success and development. Mr. John Kerr Branch, the vice-president, constitutes the third generation of the nume that has figured so prominently in the history of the bank, and so closely identified with Richmond's progress and prosperly. He is a young man of acknowledged ability and experience in finance, and his fame in his closen field extends beyond the confines of his native State. Mr. John F. Glenn, cashier, has been identified with this institution since its foundation, and his large experience and well known probitly have been no mean factors in the growth of the bank.

Of the recently appointed assistant cashiers, Mr. J. R. Perdue, has attained to the eminence of an old, tried and true

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pillar of the house. Mr. Thomas B. Mo. Adams is a young man of brilliant promise, having had a thorough training in the banking business and possessing in a large degree the requisites of a successful banker. Mr. George H. Keesee, is also a man of practical knowledge, and good judgment and so regarded in banking circles. These combined with its strong directorate, are certain to further enlarge the confidence of the public and continue to expand the bank's usefulness from year to year.

SCOTTSVILLE, VA.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
SCOTTSVILLE, VA., Dec. 81.—A Christmas entertainment was given at the Methodist Church on Sunday night, under the direction of Meedames Wm. Briggs and C. E. Blankenship.
Drs. B. L. Dillard, of North Gardon, and Alfred Pinkerton, of Covesville, are guests at "Chestor."
Mr. Giles Staples is visiting relatives there. Mr. Glies Staples is visiting relatives, there.
Mr. Norman Daniel, of Richmond College, is spending the holidays at his home.
Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Crisp, of Baltimore,

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Crisp, of Baltimore, are at "Valmont."
Mr. G. Mason Dillard, of Norfolk, is at "Choster."
Misses Marjorie and Annie Nicholas arrived here from Richmond last week to spend Christmas.
Misses May Heal and Lucie Powers lett for Hardware this week to visit Mrs. W. C. White.
Mr. Wm. Briggs is spending the holidays with his family.
Misses Irene and Fannie Briggs left for Richmond last week to visit relatives.
Mrs. A. S. Pembleton is the guest of her daughter, Mrs. W. T. Shepherd, Richmond.

Berryville, fell at that place last Monday and broke his wrist. When he met with the accident Mr. Hoffman, was returning from the funeral of John Krombiling, who died last Sunday from the result of a blow by Rein Carlisle.

Thesday night, was the occasion of a number of delightful social wents in Winchester. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Orndorff colebrated their linen wed-ag anniversary. Altundred or more guests were present. Mr. Orndorff is a prominent marbia dealer, and the couple is highly esteemed. Miss Marguerie Norton, daughter of doorge F. Norton, editor of the Evening News-litem and the Weekly News, celebrated her sixteenth birthiay, and entertained a large number of young friends. Miss Mamie Baldwin, the pretty and popular daughter of Mrs. S. R. Baldwin, gay a chrysanthemum party to a number of friends, and Miss Margaret Movicar entertained at her home, in Nefistown.

Dr. Luther B. Wilson, of Baltimore, one

Monroe-Lightner.

Monroe—Lightner.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

MORRISVILLE, VA., December 3t.—

Miss Lella, A. Lightner, the youngest daughter of Mr. W. S. Lightner, and one of the handsomest young ladies of the Grove neighborhood, and Mr. Joseph Monroe were married at 3 o'clock Wednesday afternoon in the Grove Presbyterian Church. The decerations were holly, cedar and running pine.

ning pine.

The popularity of the young couple was well attested to by the crowd that gath ered in the church to witness the cere

ored in the church to witness the ceremony.

Proceded by the ushers, Messrs. Frank
Edwards and Samuel Lightner, the bride
and groom entered the church to the
music of the wedding march played by
Miss Iduthea Monroe, a sister of, the
groom. The ceremony was performed by
Rev. D. J. Shopuff, pastor of the Grove
Presbyterian Church, assisted by Rev.
C. W. Brooks, pustor of the Grove Baptist Church.

A reception was given hattnight by Mr.
Robert Monroe, father of the groom, in
homor of the occusion, at his magnificent
home, "River View," on the Rappahanmock River.

Mr. and Mrs. Monroe will make their
home at Pine View.

Afton Notes.

(Special to The Times-Disputch.)
AFTON, VA., Dec. SL-A most beautiful Christmas tree and entertainment was given the scholars of the Afton Baptist Sunday School Tuesday night by Miss Rusha Goodloe, Mrs. J. Ezekiel Hall and Mrs. E. G. Layne.

Mrs. Helen Hayes Burns and daughter, Dorothy, of Washington, D. G., and Mr. Hunter Hayes and family are spending Christmas in Chestnut Ridge.

Mrs. Barksdale, of Charlottesville, is a holday guest of Mrs. Hartwell Hay-thorne.

thorne.

Mr. Hawthorne Goodloe, of West Virginia, is at his old home Bluefield.

Mr. Rutus White, of the "Royal Orchard" is spending Christmas in North

If you insist on it, any agent in Rich-mond can give you a policy in the Vir-gina State.—L. F. Mason, Solicitor.

If you are not, you should be you policy-holder in the Virginia State.— Brander & Co., 1nc., Agenta

POEMS YOU OUGHT TO KNOW

Whatever your occupation may be, and however crowded your hours with affairs, do not fall to accurs at least a few infinites every day for refreshment of your inner life with a hit of poetry.—Professor Charles Ellot Nortos.

THE CLOSING YEAR.

By GEORGE DENISON PRENTICE.

George Dennicon Frentice was born December 18, 1802, in Connectiout, and died at Louisville, January 22, 1870. Prentice early showed indications of his gifts, especially in his intelery of English, and at the age of fifteen, he took charge of a village in his intelery of English, and at the age of fifteen, he took charge of a village school. At olisheen he entered Brown University, where he graduated with great dischool in 1800 even with to Kentucky, and never thereafter returned to his native tinction. In 1800 even he started the Louisville Journal, and during his He home. In the same year he started the Louisville Journal, and during his He home. In the same year he started the Louisville Journal, and during his He home. The passing of one of the great figures in editorial and literary world death marked he passing of one of the great figures in editorial and literary world continued to the post given of the time. The poem we print to-day is considered by many to be his best work.



'TIS midnight's holy hour-and silence now Is brooding, like a gentle spirit, o'er The still and pulseless world. Hark! on the winds. The bell's deep notes are swelling. 'Tis the

Of the departed year.

No funeral train Is sweeping past: yet on the stream and wood. With melancholy light, the moonbeams rest; Like a pale, spotless shroud; the air is stirred, As by a mourner's sigh; and on you cloud, That floats so still and placidly through heaven

That floats so still and place.

The spirits of the seasons seem to stand-Young Spring, bright Summer, Autumn's solemn form, And Winter, with his aged locks-and breathe In mournful cadences, that come abroad, Like the far wind harp's wild and touching wail A melancholy dirge o'er the dead Year, Gone from the earth forever.

For memory and for tears. Within the deep, Still chambers of the heart a spectre dim, Whose tones are like the wizard voice of Time, Heard from the tomb of ages, points its cold And solemn finger to the beautiful And holy visions that have passed away. And left no shadow of their loveliness On the dead waste of life. That spectre lifts The coffin-lid of hope, and joy, and love, And, bending mournfully above the pale, Sweet forms that slumber there, scatters dead flowers O'er what has passed to nothingness,

Has gone, and, with it, many a glorious throng Of happy dreams. Its mark is on each brow, Its shadow on each heart. In its swift course It waved its sceptre o'er the beautiful, And they are not. It laid its pallid hand Upon the strong man, and the haughty form Is fallen, and the flashing eye is dim. It trod the hall of revelry, where thronged The bright and joyous, and the tearful wall Of stricken ones is heard, where grst the song And reckless shout resounded. It passed o'er The battle plain, where sword, and spear, and shield Flashed in the light of midday-and the strength Of serried hosts is shivered, and the grass, Green from the soil of carnage, waves above The crushed and mouldering skeleton. It came And faded like a wreath of mist at eve; Yet, ere it meited in the viewless air, It heralded its millions to their home In the dim land of dreams.

Remorseless Time!-Fierce spirit of the glass and scythel what power Can stay him in his silent course, or melt His iron heart to pity? On, still on He presses and forever. The proud bird, The condor of the Andes, that can soar Through heaven's unfathomable depths, or brave The fury of the Northern hurricane And bathe his plumage in the thunder's home Furls his broad wings at nightfall and sinks down To rest upon his mountain crag-but Time Knows not the weight of sleep or weariness And night's deep darkness has no chain to bind His rushing pinion. Revolutions sweep O'er earth, like troubled visions o'er the breast Of dreaming sorrow; citie Like bubbles on the water; flery isles Spring, blazing, from the ocean, and go back To their mysterious caverns; mountains rear-To heaven their baid and blackened cliffs, and bow Their tall heads to the plain; new empires rise, Gathering the strength of hoary centuries, And rush down like the Alpine avalanche, Startling the nations; and the very stars, You bright and burning blazonry of God, Glitter awhile in their eternal depths, And, like the Pleiad, loveliest of their train, Shoot from their glorious spheres, and pass away, To darkle in the trackless void; yet Time, Time, the tomb-builder, holds his fierce career, Dark, stern, all pitiliess, and pauses not Amid the mighty wrecks that strew his path, To sit and muse, like other conquerors, Upon the fearful ruin he has wrought.

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